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Abstract

In order to impart the requisite softness and friction-resistance properties, but especially the requisite air- and water ~~vapour~~-vapor-permeability properties, to a substrate (7) having a velvet-like, fine-grained surface, in particular a shagreen having a polished surface or a synthetic velvet provided on its visible side with a dressing (1)-having a shagreened structure and made of a solidified plastic dispersion separately produced on a support having a structured surface that corresponds to the shagreened structure, the dressing (1)-comprises capillaries (11)-which extends through its entire and substantially constant thickness, and is joined to the substrate (7)-by a thin connection layer (12)-made of a solidified plastic dispersion.